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detrimental in some places. This amendment...what this amendment does, it says that the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the general election shall be the officers of the township board. And the three officers shall determine by a majority vote which officer shall serve as the township clerk, township treasurer, and the chair of the township board. And in visiting with Senator Stuthman, he feels as though this would be the correct way of doing that. With that, that is the amendment. And hopefully this is satisfactory with those who had concerns.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. You've heard the opening on AM2111. Open for discussion. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Originally, I had opposed this, because of the procedure that is handled in my county for the people that do file for the office and do it in the manner that was intended to for getting elected to township boards. But there are a lot of townships that do not have individuals that file, and they maybe get in on one vote, or after the election is...has taken place, then they kind of appoint themselves to fulfill the job again, as they had done before. Originally, when the bill was introduced, it was the top vote getter, like Senator Janssen had said, would be the chairman. I really oppose that portion of it. What they've come up now with, the top three getters, you know, top three individuals that receive the most votes, can decide amongst themselves as to which office they want. I can support that at the present time. And the only reason that I can support that is because the majority of the townships do not run their election process, filing for office is not handled in the proper manner. So with that in mind, and the problems that have to do with the Secretary of State in appointing people to these positions, I feel this hopefully will be more of a workable situation, and that I can live with that. And I will at this time support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Janssen, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close on your amendment? He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM2111 to LB 461. All